REMARKS

The Office Action of January 11, 2008, has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1 and 29 have been amended. Claims 57-66 have been withdrawn and new claims 69 and 70 have been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-14, 29-42, and 66-70 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8, 12-14, 29-36, 40-42, 67 and 68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,728,966 to Arsenault et al. (hereinafter "Arsenault"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Amended claim 1 recites, among other features, "a method for implementing an electronic program guide, the method comprising receiving programming information from a source, storing the received programming information, *in its entirety*, in a data storage area, continuously scanning the data storage area, in a cyclical manner, to identify and remove data entries meeting a first predetermined criterion…" Applicants respectfully assert that Arsenault fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1.

Arsenault describes an electronic programming guide with a plurality of linked lists are used to remove redundancy, increase search speed and allow dynamic categories. Abstract. The system receives a stream of digitized data packets containing information and the packets are *filtered out* to remove any packets that are not currently of interest. Col. 6, lines 5-11. The packets that are of interest *may be intermediately stored* in system RAM. Col. 6, lines 11-28. Arsenault clearly fails to teach or suggest a method wherein received programming information is stored *in its entirety*, let alone a method wherein responsive to the data being stored *in its entirety* the data storage area is continuously scanned, in a cyclical manner, to identify and remove data entries meeting a first predetermined criterion. Rather, Arsenault describes a system and method wherein incoming data is sorted upon entry to determine what will be saved and what will be discarded. There is no teaching or suggestion of the entirety of the data being stored and continuously scanning the data storage area, as recited in claim 1.

Amended claim 29 recites language similar to that of amended claim 1 and is allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, and further in view of the additional novel features recited therein.

Claims 2-8, 12-14, 67, and 68 that depend from claim 1, and claims 30-36 and 40-42 that depend from claim 29, are allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed above, and further in view of the additional novel features recited therein. For example, claims 3 and 31 recite, among other features, programming information further comprising tokens, including *compressed forms* of the information about the individual programs, used to describe individual programs and a meaning associated with the tokens. Arsenault fails to teach or suggest this feature.

Arsenault describes content records that are accompanied by a title and a label. Col. 6, lines 55-63. Arsenault fails to teach or suggest tokens that include *compressed forms* of information about individual programs. Further, there is no teaching or suggestion of a *meaning* associated with the tokens. Rather, the records of Arsenault include a title and a label. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 3 and 31 are allowable over the cited reference.

Further, claims 67 and 68 recite wherein the meaning associated with the tokens is stored in a token dictionary and the token dictionary is modifiable, respectively. Applicants respectfully assert that Arsenault fails to teach or suggest these features. There is absolutely no teaching or suggestion in Arsenault of a token having a meaning stored in a token dictionary. In fact, as discussed above, there is no teaching or suggestion of a meaning associated with the tokens. Rather, the cited portions of Arsenault merely describe titles and labels. There is no teaching or suggestion of a meaning associated with the title or label, let alone a meaning stored in a modifiable dictionary. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 67 and 68 are patentably distinct from Arsenault.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-11 and 37-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arsenault in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,155,831 to Emma et al. (hereinafter "Emma"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 9-11 depend from claim 1, and claims 37-39 depend from claim 29, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims. The addition of Emma fails to cure the deficiencies of Arsenault with respect to claims 1 and 29. For instance, Emma fails to teach or suggest a method wherein received programming information is stored *in its entirety* and, responsive to storing the received programming information in its entirety, continuously scanning the data storage area to identify and remove data entries meeting a first predetermined criterion. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 9-11 and 37-39 are allowable over the cited combination of references.

New Claims

New claims 69 and 70 have been added. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification. For example, support for claims 69 and 70 can be found at least at paragraphs 0017 and 00018 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 19-0733 for a one-month extension of time. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this amendment. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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